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PATENT
AT DOCKET NO.: 20973-12**Remarks**

Claims 38–79 were pending in the present application, of which claims 38, 45, 59 and 66 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and to which claims 80–89 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

A substitute Declaration is submitted herewith under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 establishing that the claimed invention was at least conceived prior to August of 1988. To avoid duplication of papers in the file Appendices A–D of the earlier submitted 132 Declaration are incorporated by reference into the 131 Declaration, but new copies are not provided herewith.

Claims 53 and 74 have been amended as suggested.

Turning to the prior art rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art.

Claim 88 defines a portable audio/visual device to be user at a sporting event by a user while watching the sporting event live. The device includes a receiver, a user interface and a display, all to be carried by the user while at the sporting event. The receiver is configured to receive the image and audio signals over a wireless link from a transmitter. While at the sporting event, the user selects one of the image signals and one of the audio signals. The display carried by the user at the sporting event displays the selected image signal, and a speaker plays the selected audio signal in the user's ear. The prior art fails to teach or suggest any such combination of structure.

Claim 89 recites an audio/visual system to be used at a sporting event by a user while watching the sporting event live. The system includes an interface device that receives image signals and audio signals associated with the sporting event. The interface device is configured to be joined to a transmitter to wirelessly transmit the audio and image signals. The system also includes a receiver, a user interface and a display, all to be carried by the user while at the

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sporting event. The receiver is configured to receive the image and audio signals over a wireless link from a transmitter having a wireless broadcast range that includes the sporting event. While at the sporting event, the user selects one of the image signals and one of the audio signals. The display carried by the user at the sporting event displays the selected image signal, and a speaker plays the selected audio signal in the user's ear. The prior art fails to teach or suggest any such structure.

Koehler describes a system that allows a remote computer user to listen and watch a race event when the user is remote from the race event, such as at home. In Koehler, a TV feed 67 and car views 106 are sent through a server 36 over the Internet 40 to a remote computer 42. The remote user can then watch the race over a home computer. Koehler's system does not include the claimed portable device, interface device, receiver, user interface nor display.

Moreover, it is submitted that it would not have been obvious to modify Koehler's system to add the headphones of Urella or the headmounted display of Ralston. Koehler's system uses a remote computer on which the user watches the race. There is no reason, or advantage of adding headphones and/or a headmounted display to Koehler's home computer.

Further it is submitted that the dependent claims define allowable subject matter. Claims 44 and 65 define the receiver, user interface and display to be commonly housed in a portable handheld unit configured to receive the audio and image signals while at a stadium where the event is occurring. Koehler's system is not hand-held and is specifically intended for users who are not at the event.

New claim 80 defines at least one of the image signals to constitute a dedicated individual camera view from a single camera, where the user interface selects the image signal from the signal camera and the display displays the dedicated individual camera view continuously and uninterrupted until the user selects another image signal. Claim 81 recites that each image signal constitutes a dedicated individual camera view and the user interface selects the image signal of a single camera and the display displays the individual camera view until the user selects another image signal.

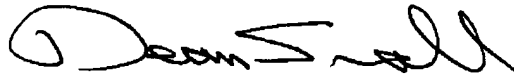
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Claim 82 requires the selected image signal to correspond to an individual camera view from a single camera that is not controlled or selected by a television crew. Claim 83 requires that at least one image signal selected by the user not be a television network signal. Claim 84 requires that one image signal selected be a television network signal and another image signal selected not be a television network signal. Claim 85 states that the user interface allows the user to control and switch between image signals separately and independently of television network signals. Claims 86-87 require the image signal to be a video signal (as opposed to pictures, or frozen or still images).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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